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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

 An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

As per claim 49, lines 5-6, "plurality of enterprises" has been changed to - - at least one enterprise --.

As per claim 70, lines 5-6, "plurality of enterprises" has been changed to --at least one enterprise --.

As per claim 81, line 5, "the" before "plurality" has been changed to - - a - -.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sean D. Solberg on November 3, 2008.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 49-51, 53-58, and 60-89 are allowable over the art of record and based on the applicant's arguments/remarks filed 8/27/2008.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance"

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to Frantzy Poinvil whose telephone number is (571) 272-6797. The
examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00AM to 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Dixon can be reached on (571) 272-6803. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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